

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT  
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL RULE §1.53(b)  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): SNARE ASSEMBLY WITH GRADUATED TONAL EFFECT

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- ☒ 23 pages of Specification/Claims 1-23/Abstract are attached.
- ☒ Drawings (Figs. 1-12; 10 sheets) are attached.
- ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to PEARL MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS CO. is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached, along with Form PTO-1449.
- ☒ **This application is entitled to Small Entity Status.**
- ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
- ☒ This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/535,813, filed January 13, 2004.
- ☐ Priority of foreign application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- ☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.


The filing fee is calculated below and includes claim status after entry of any Preliminary Amendment noted above:

FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA
BASIC FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	23 - 20	= 3
INDEP CLAIMS	2 - 3	= 0
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SMALL ENTITY			LARGE ENTITY	
RATE	FEE	OR	RATE	FEE
	\$ 385	OR		\$ 770
x 9 =	\$ 27	OR	x 18	\$
x 43 =	\$ 0	OR	x 86	\$
+145 =	\$ 0	OR	+280	\$
TOTAL	\$ 412	OR	TOTAL	\$

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$452.00 (\$412.00 for the filing fee and \$40.00 for the Assignment Recordation Fee) is attached. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0548.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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